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To whom it may concern:

The proposed settlement of the Microsoft antitrust trial is an outrage. How can the Department of Justice let Microsoft off the hook with a slap on the wrist after proving that Microsoft was in clear and egregious violation of antitrust law and common ethics?

The Bush administration seems to think that we owe Microsoft free reign to practice whatever underhanded tactics they please because Microsoft is important to the economy. The truth is that Microsoft has consistently abused their monopoly power to squash innovation in the computer industry whenever it has had the slightest potential to threaten the tiniest percentage of that vast monopoly.

I'm weary from paying exorbitant prices for the temporary and restricted privilege of licensing Microsoft's bug-ridden, security-challenged bloatware. Why don't I buy something else? There aren't any other mainstream alternatives for Intel-compatible PCs. Microsoft has made sure of that. In most cases, I haven't even had the opportunity to buy a computer without Microsoft dipping their hands into my pockets - if you buy the computer, you pay Microsoft even if you don't want their software. I'm all for competition, but Microsoft has leveraged their monopoly to make sure that there is no possibility of competition.

Microsoft has held America back in order to further the interests of Microsoft and will continue to do so if the policies of the current administration do not change.

Sincerely,

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